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BILL ANALYSIS

Higher Education Committee

SB 5463

Brief Description: Requiring the college board to establish minimum standards for common student identifiers.

Sponsors: Senators Kilmer, Becker, Kastama, Shin, Tom and White.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Requires the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges to establish minimum standards for common student identifiers that students receive upon enrollment and retain upon transfer to any other college in the system.

Hearing Date: 3/14/11

Staff: Cece Clynch (786-7195).

Background:

The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) provides general supervision and sets policy direction for the community and technical college system. The SBCTC also allocates state resources to the colleges.

Among its specific responsibilities, the SBCTC must: (1) prepare a single system operating budget request and capital budget request for consideration by the Legislature; (2) disburse capital and operating funds appropriated by the Legislature to the college districts; (3) administer criteria for establishment of new colleges and for the modification of district boundary lines; (4) establish minimum standards for the operation of community and technical colleges with respect to personnel qualifications, budgeting, accounting, auditing, curriculum content, degree requirements, admission policies, and the eligibility of courses for state support; and (5) prepare a comprehensive master plan for community and technical college education.

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Summary of Bill:

The SBCTC must establish minimum standards for common student identifiers that students receive upon enrolling at any community or technical college. A student retains his or her common student identifier when transferring to any other college in the system.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.